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FM AMEMBASSY TUNIS

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AMEMBASSY CARACAS

AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

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SUBJECT: PASSPORTS: VENEZUELAN- LIBYAN ASPECTS

REF: TRIPOLI 0817

1. AMBASSADOR BARRADAS TOLD US JUNE 19 THAT HE WILL NOT RETURN TO TRIPOLI WITHOUT APOLOGY FROM EITHER QADHAFI OR JALLUD. HE IS STILL VERY ANGRY OVER DISCOURTEOUS TREATMENT ACCORDED HIM AND HIS COUNTRY BY LIBYAN OFFICIALS WHEN HE RETURNED TO TRIPOLI ON JUNE 11. HE BELIVES LIBYANS ARE HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT HIS CASE AND AS RESULT OF LIBYAN APPROACHES HERE, HE IS SENDING HIS FIRST SECRETARY TO TRIPOLI JUNE 20 FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS. HE IS ALSO CURRENTLY AWAITING DEFINITE INSTRUCTIONS FROM CARACAS, BUT ANTICIPATES VENEZUELAN DIPLOMATIC PRESENCE TRIPOLI MAY BE REDUCED IN NEAR FUTURE.

2. AMBASSADOR BARRADAS REVIEWED HIS EXPERIENCES IN TRIPOLI JUNE 11-12, ALONG LINES OF REFTTEL. HE REFERRED TO INITIAL DELAYS AT AIRPORT AFTERNOON JUNE 11 TH, HIS FUTILE EFFORTS TO REACH SOMEONE IN AUTHORITY TO PERMIT HIS ENTRY, INDIGNITIES AT "5 TH RATE DETENTION HOTEL" NEAR
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AIRPORT, HIS DECISION TO DRIVE HIS OWN CAR TO HIS HOME
IN TRIPOLI AND HIS SUBSEQUENT EARLY MORNING JUNE 12
ACRIMONIOUS TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH CAPTAIN SHUAYB,
HEAD OF AIRPORT FORCE, WHO THREATENED POLICE ACTION. HE
SAID HE HAD TALKED BY TELEPHONE WITH PETROLEUM MINISTER
MABRUK WHO PROMISED TO HELP RESOLVE MATTER, AND MADE
UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO SEE PRIME MINISTER JALLUD. FOLLOW-
ING HIS CONVERSATION WITH DEAN OF THE DIPLOMATIC
CORPS, HE DECIDED TO SORT OUT HIS CLASSIFIED PAPERS AND
REDUCE EMBASSY ACTIVITY FOR TIME BEING. HE MENTIONED A RATHER
DRAMATIC CONFRONTATION WITH CAPTAIN SHUAYB AT AIRPORT
ON DEPARTURE. LATTER HAD BEGUN TO SHOW SOME FLEXIBILITY
IN HIS CASE, BUT BARRADAS TOLD HIM THIS WAS NOT MATTER
BETWEEN TWO GOVERNMENTS AND INSISTED ON DEPARTING.

3. I CONGRATULATED THE AMBASSADOR ON HIS FIRM STAND
AND WISHED HIM EVERY SUCCESS IN TRYING TO RESOLVE IT.
I SAID HIS FIRM STAND WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE A POSITIVE
INFLUENCE IN HELPING HIS DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES AT A
DIFFICULT TIME.

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